

certain parts of the state? We have not talked about medicine. All we've talked about is really money, who's going to be able to get...how much money, and who's going to be able to lose money, turf battles and egos. And that's why these issues are rotten to talk about because when a final dust comes...clears away no one has talked about health care. And the bottom line, in my judgment on the optometrists, if the desire is to treat because health care in this bill you have the ability to do it. If you go on to say one step further, gosh, we don't want to do it unless we're controlled by our own board, obviously in my judgment you didn't really want to do it, and that bothers me. I think...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...we need to go forward, we need to give them the opportunity to do it, which they say is good for health care, we'll keep it under the Board of Medicine which all other doctors need to do, and we see how it plays out. And if it doesn't play out well, the issue will be back again. But let's find out as a Legislature is it good medicine? After we give them permission to do it, did it help Nebraskans? And we should do it, and we should do it now. I oppose the bracket motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: I'd call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Do I see sufficient seconds? I do. We will now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate and I'll call on Senator Byars for closing on his motion.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I don't want to take any more time than absolutely necessary. We've had a lengthy and extensive dialogue on this issue. I think that in itself points to the very reason why we need a bracket on this bill and